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# Land Grant Application- Atherton, Joel (Waterford)

Joel Atherton

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Waterford June 13

William Mearns Jun. Esq.

Albany

Watford June 13. 1836

Wm Hoar Esq

Sir -

I send you herin the  
application of Joel Cotton for bounty  
I would thank you to cause it to be  
referred upon and the certificate sent  
to me as soon as convenient -

I duly received the certificates  
for Benjamin Hale & Israel Hale -

With you please inform me  
when the State Treasurer will be  
authorized to pay -

Yours &c

G. Whitman



Joel Atherton 93

Res. March 24, 1836.

Filed June 15, 1836.

See Rejected claim N<sup>o</sup>.  
245. Res. March 17, 1835.

Admitted. & certificate  
N<sup>o</sup>. 73. p. June 23, 1836.

Rec<sup>d</sup>. the same & sent it  
p. mail Ad. Whitman Esq.  
June 24<sup>th</sup>. 1836.

C. Whitman Esq.

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Know all Men by these Presents, that I



I Joel Atherton \_\_\_\_\_ of Watford in the County of  
Oxford and State of Maine, aged seventy one - years, do, upon oath, declare  
in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled  
a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March 17th, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary  
War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" that I enlisted at Harvard in  
Massachusetts, on the third of April 1781. in the continental army  
in the revolutionary service for a term of three years, in Capt  
Abraham Bratton's company, Col. Gridley's Regt. - I soon after  
joined the army at West Point. - Capt James Tisdale took  
command of the company about a year after I joined it  
I served faithfully until I received my discharge which  
was on the 28th day of October 1783 - I received my discharge  
before my time was out on account of having worked in  
getting wood for the army on West Point for the next winter  
fuel - My discharge expressed my full term of service  
which discharge I now suppose to be at the War office.

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of Harvard  
County of Worcester Commonwealth of Massachusetts

and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, have been ever since, and am now an inhabitant of the State  
of Maine, residing in Watford - aforesaid, where I have resided for forty  
three years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of  
Land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or from the State of  
Maine for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly  
entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Joel Atherton

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss....Subscribed and sworn to this thirteenth - day of June - 1836

BEFORE ME,

Charles Whetstone

Justice of the Peace.

**Know all Men by these Presents, That I**

*Joel Atterton* - of *Waldorf* in the County of *Cyford* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *William Heart Jr. Esq.* of *Augusta* my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve passed March seventeenth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *thirteenth* - day of *June* - A. D. 1836

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*C. Whitman*

*Joel Atterton*

**STATE OF MAINE.**

*Cyford* ss.

Be it Known, that on this *thirteenth* - day of *June* - 1836, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Joel Atterton* - above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by him signed, to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

*Charles Whitman*

Justice of the Peace.



Joel Atherton's <sup>245</sup>  
Claim for land,

Recd June 9<sup>th</sup> 1835,

Cpy of Dividing,

Rejected - did not serve  
three years. —

See Res. March 24,  
1836. N. 93. —

Wm. J. for  
C. Whitman, Esq.,  
Watersford, Me.,

Joel Atherton's Claim



I Joel Atterton of Watupord in the County of Oxford  
and State of Maine, aged seventy years, do, upon oath  
declare in order to obtain the benefit of a "Resolve in  
favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary  
Army and the widows of <sup>the</sup> deceased officers and soldiers,"  
that I enlisted at Harvard in Massachusetts on or  
about the third day of April A.D. 1781 in the Revolution-  
ary army for a term of three years - soon after enlisting  
in the month of May following - I was ordered and did  
march to West Point where I joined Capt. Abraham  
Bratton's Company, Col. Graton's or Third Massachusetts  
Regiment, whose Brigade I have forgotten - I served  
out my time in the same Company, though under  
different commanders, the last of whom was Capt  
James Tidale - At the close of my service I received  
an honorable discharge signed by said Tidale and  
countersigned by Major General Henry Knox, which  
discharge I now suppose to be in the War Department  
at Washington - I do further declare on oath, that  
at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant  
of Harvard aforesaid and was on the 17th day of  
March, 1835, have been ever since and am now  
an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing  
in Watupord aforesaid, where I have resided for  
about forty years past. That neither I, nor any  
person claiming under me, has ever received a grant  
of Land, or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, for my said service, or any other  
service during the Revolutionary War, and that I  
am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve -

Joel Atterton

State of Maine

Oxford Is - Subscribed & sworn to this twenty-sixth  
day of May 1835

Before me

Levi Brown Justice of the Peace

Know all Men by these Presents, that I Joel Atherton  
of Watford, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine  
being the same Person by whom the preceding declaration  
was made, do hereby constitute and appoint William  
Hoar Jun, Esquire of Augusta my true and lawful  
attorney for me and in my name, to receive from  
the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certifi-  
cate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve  
of the said State, passed March 17. 1835, entitled an  
"Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers  
of the Revolutionary war, and the widows of the  
deceased officers and soldiers to the benefit of which  
Resolve I am entitled. And my said attorney  
is hereby authorized and empowered upon the  
receipt of said certificate, for me, in my name,  
to execute such receipt or acknowledgment thereon  
as I might were I personally present -  
Fully ratifying and confirming whatever my attorney  
shall do by virtue hereof - Witness my hand and  
seal this twenty sixth day of May A.D. 1835 -  
Signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of  
Charles Whitman

Joel Atherton

State of Maine  
Oxford Co.  
Be it known, that on this twenty sixth day  
of May 1835 before the Subscriber, a Justice of the  
Peace for said County, personally appeared Joel  
Atherton above named, and acknowledged the  
foregoing Power of attorney by him signed, to be  
his free act and deed - In testimony whereof, I have  
hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last  
above mentioned -

Levi Brown Justice of the Peace -

I Joel Atterton, a resident citizen of the United States of America, an inhabitant of Waterford in the County of Oxford and State of Massachusetts do testify and say, that On the third day of April A.D. 1781. I enlisted into the Army of the United States of America on the Continental establishment for the term of three years as a private soldier in Capt. Abraham Weston's Company, Colonel Greator's Regt. numbered three, in the Massachusetts Line, in which Company I continued to serve as aforesaid until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1783, when I received from Genl. Knox a honorable discharge, which is herewith annexed. I further testify that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support, and that I am not bane in any Pension List of the United States. - (Signed, Joel Atterton.

I John Jewell, of Waterford in the County of Oxford State of Massachusetts, do testify and say, that I was in the Continental service in the Revolutionary war a part of the same period that the above named Joel Atterton served, & was in the same Regt. and to my certain knowledge said Atterton served as he has above stated, about two years, when he was discharged, my time not being expired. (Signed) John Jewell -

Waterford April 9<sup>th</sup> 1818 - We the subscribers are of opinion that the bearer Mr Joel Atterton is a man who is entitled to a pension by virtue of an Act of Congress passed the present session making provision for certain Revolutionary Soldiers. (Signed) Calvin Farrow - William Munroe.

By Major General Knox, Commanding the Garrison of West Point & its Dependencies, Joel Atterton, Soldier in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass<sup>ts</sup> Regt. being enlisted for three years, is hereby honorably discharged of the service of the United States. Given at West Point the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1783. (Signed) M. Knox. M. General. By the General's Command, (Signed) Lt. Lillie, Aide de Camp.

Registered in the Books of the Regiment - (Signed) John A. Stafford, Capt. United States of America, Maine District. Do I Remember, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally saw Joel Atterton, the Applicant named in the papers herewith annexed, and after being duly questioned & examined, made oath that the several Statements by him made in the Annexed Application, signed in my presence are wholly true. Under the said Applicant further offered in evidence the Affidavit of John Jewell a Fellow Soldier with the Applicant in the War of the Revolution, made and signed in my presence; also a regular discharge given the Applicant in said War, together with the Certificate of Calvin Farrow &

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William Mumoe respectable Citizen relative to the circumstances of the applicant's life; all of which are herewith annexed. And it appearing to me in the examination here had, that the several persons above named are credible witnesses, I do hereby admit the Annexed Declarations as evidence, and Certify the same as being satisfactory proof to me that the said Abel Wharton the applicant, served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, against the Common enemy, for the term of nine months and upwards in Continuation in the Continental establishment - And I do further Certify, that from the Declaration of the applicant made before me, under oath as aforesaid, it does appear that in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his Country for support; all of which I do hereby Certify, and transmit to the Secretary of the Department of War, agreeably to the provisions of an act of Congress, passed March 18. 1815, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and caused my official Seal to be affixed the day and year first mentioned.

E. P. (Signed) Oliver H. Parry Judge of the United States in and for the Maine District.

I hereby Certify that the foregoing pages numbered from One to two inclusive, are truly copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department; And I do further Certify, that it appears from a Register of General Settlement Certificates issued by John Pierce Esq. Pay Master General, and Comptroller of the Army accounts of the United States, to the 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment, Massachusetts Line, deposited in said Office, that Abel Wharton received a Certificate dated January 1. 1784. for \$55.<sup>00</sup> due January 1. 1784 -

Benj. L. Deale

Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1835.

I certify that Benjamin L. Deale, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State approved by the Governor on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office, certain documents and records, has made as full an examination in the case of Abel Wharton, as the Books and Papers of said Office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief. Dated at the Pension Office War Department the 22<sup>d</sup> of September 1835.

J. L. Edwards  
Comptroller of Pensions

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